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**Title:** SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND MANUFACTURING  
METHOD THEREOF

Enclosed are the following papers, including all those required to receive a filing date  
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- Rule 63 declaration, copy from a previous application under rule 63(d) for continuation or divisional only.
- Information Disclosure Statement: Applicant calls attention to documents listed on attached form(s) PTO-892 and PTO-1449 from parent case(s). Per Rule 97(d) copies of those documents are not provided.
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This application is a continuation (and claims the benefit of priority under 35 USC §120) of U.S. application serial no. 08/908,281, filed August 7, 1997, which is a file wrapper continuation of U.S. application serial no. 08/620,462, filed March 22, 1996. The disclosure of the prior applications are considered part of (and is incorporated by reference in) the disclosure of this application.

Preliminary Amendment:

Page 1 of the specification, before line 1, insert -- This is a continuation of U.S. application serial no. 08/908,281, filed August 7, 1997, (pending), which is a file wrapper continuation of U.S. application serial no. 08/620,462, filed March 22, 1996.

The prior application is assigned of record to Semiconductor Energy Laboratory Co., Ltd., a Japanese corporation, by virtue of an assignment submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office for recording on March 22, 1996, at Reel 8159, Frame 0890.

Priority is claimed under 35 USC §119 based on priority application serial number 7-090157, filed March 23, 1995, in Japan.

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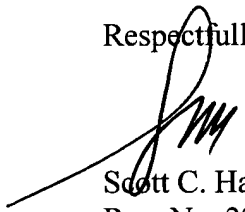
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